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September 1, 1993

Mr. Timothy L. Nord  
Department of Ecology  
P.O. Box 47600  
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

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Re: Spokane River Phosphorus Technical Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Nord:

Thank you for your letter of August 13th suggesting that Spokane County join the Technical Advisory Committee. We have reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement for the Spokane River Phosphorus Management Plan and feel that the signatories to that agreement are dischargers to the river. It is appropriate that they participate in a committee which identifies alternatives in which they will work toward reducing the total amounts of phosphorus that enter Spokane River.

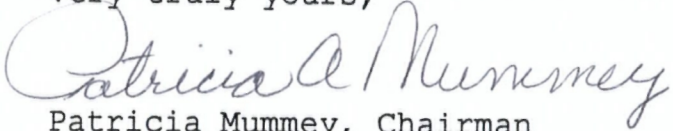
Spokane County is willing to be a participant as a member of this committee. However, we feel that it is important to acknowledge that our participation is because we have an interest in our environment and it is not because we are a "discharger" of phosphorus. We would like the Department of Ecology to agree that we do not add to the phosphorus problem.

The discharge for the Colbert Landfill project will be to the Little Spokane River about 20 river miles upstream of the Spokane River, and it is our opinion that the activities at the Colbert Landfill do not constitute an additional phosphorus discharge to the Spokane River. Spokane County is under a consent decree with Ecology and EPA to implement the "Record of Decision" which requires a pump & treat system. In our efforts to comply with the substantive requirements of NPDES, Spokane County has performed phosphorus monitoring and other evaluations as requested by Ecology which indicates that the project discharge will not result in a net increase in phosphorus loading to the Little Spokane River. Additionally, the County has agreed to perform additional river

monitoring to verify this conclusion.

Spokane County does not want to be labeled as a discharger now or in the future due to the activities of remediation at Colbert. Ecology should understand that Spokane County's participation in the committee would be due to our interest in the Program, rather than as indicated in your letter that we are a discharger. We would appreciate your response to this premise.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Mummey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Patricia Mummey, Chairman  
Spokane County Commissioners

c: Neal Thompson, EPA  
Dennis M. Scott, P.E., Spokane County